



Sahuaro Weekly Update



"Where neighbors help neighbors build community."

Vice Mayor Steve Frate, Glendale Arizona

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**You are Invited
to Participate in the Parks &
Recreation Master Plan Update
September 22**

Glendale residents are being asked to attend the third community workshop to provide input on the development of the priorities and the future of Glendale's parks and recreation system.

The department is in the process of updating the existing Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The master plan identifies community priorities for recreation and park facilities along with outlining a plan of action.

**The public workshop will be held:
6:30-8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, September 22
at the Glendale Adult Center
5970 W. Brown St.**

This meeting will feature draft information on the Community Values and Strategies sections of the plan. These sections represent the prevailing feedback gathered during the past several months from residents, community organizations, leaders and staff.

Glendale residents' input during the planning process is critical to help establish priorities for current and future parks and recreation services, programs and facilities offered within Glendale. For more information, call Glendale Parks and Recreation at 623-930-2820 or [click here](#).

Boards and Commissions. The Glendale City Council has appointed several residents to serve on advisory boards and commissions. Congratulations and many thanks to the following Sahuaro District residents who have volunteered to serve: Paul D'Agostino, Arts Commission; and Brent Ackzen, Citizens Bicycle Advisory Committee.

Glendale's 18 boards and commissions assist the City Council in making important policy decisions that impact the community. These volunteer citizen advisory groups research, study and discuss specific Glendale projects and issues and then forward their recommendations to the City Council.

Help Shape Your City! To learn about each of the boards and commissions, view vacancies or apply online, [click here](#). For more information, call the Council Office at (623) 930-2249. Boards and Commission members must be residents of Glendale.

AzTEC Awards. Glendale's Office of Special Events recently won three "Arizona Talent in Event Concepts" (AzTEC) awards at the group's annual conference. AzTEC recognizes the best in local recreation and event professionals and organizations throughout the state. Only one award was presented in each category. Glendale won Best Artistic Poster for the Glendale Jazz & Blues Festival; Best TV Ad Spot for the Glendale Glitters Spectacular Weekend; and Outstanding Best New Idea of the Year for the Glendale Jazz & Blues Festival, Adina Holistics Rock Stacking.

Glendale's festivals and events draw more than 400,000 visitors annually to its historic downtown. For more information on Glendale's award-winning festivals and events, [click here](#).



Upcoming Special Events:

- Glendale Glitters Spectacular
November 26-27, 5-10 p.m. | [Event Information](#)
- Glendale's Gingerbread Nights
December 3-4, 6-10 p.m.
- Glendale's Spirit of Giving
December 10-11, 6-10 p.m.
- Glendale's Jingle Bell Rockin' Nights
December 17-18, 6-10 p.m.
- Glendale Glitter & Glow Block Party
January 8, 2011, 4-10 p.m.

National "Take Back Initiative." The Glendale Police Department is participating in "National Take Back Initiative" Day on Saturday, September 25. This is an opportunity for residents to safely and conveniently surrender expired, unwanted, or unused pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications. Join us from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Target Parking Lot at 10404 North 43rd Ave. Call 623-930-2571 for more information.

Construction Information - Nightly closures on Loop 101 next week. As work to widen the bridge over Loop 101 continues, nightly closures are required next week to remove concrete barrier on the new wider bridge. For all but one of the closures drivers will exit and re-enter at Union Hills Drive.

Also, a reminder that the intersection at Beardsley Road and 83rd Avenue will be closed again on Saturday, Sept. 25, along with other restrictions in the area throughout the weekend. In addition to the project at Union Hills Drive, there are other projects under construction along the Loop 101 corridor. Please be aware of those active work zones and obey the 55 mph speed limit where posted.

UPCOMING RESTRICTIONS

- Northbound Loop 101 closed overnight at Union Hills Drive for overhead bridge work.
DETOUR: Traffic will use on- and off-ramps at Union Hills Drive to detour around the closure.
10 p.m. Monday - 5 a.m. Tuesday (Sept. 21)
10 p.m. Tuesday - 5 a.m. Wednesday (Sept. 22)
- Southbound Loop 101 closed overnight at 75th Avenue for bridge and ramp work at Union Hills Drive.
DETOUR: South on 75th Avenue to Bell Road and west to Loop 101.
10 p.m. Wednesday - 5 a.m. Thursday (Sept. 23)
- Southbound Loop 101 closed overnight at Union Hills Drive for overhead bridge work.
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10 p.m. Thursday - 5 a.m. Friday (Sept. 23)

Around Town

[Click here](#) for the City Council meeting schedule.

Friday Nite Lights is An Affair to Remember – Tonight! Continuing to celebrate Glendale's Centennial year, the Historic Downtown business community invites shoppers to honor Glendale's past while making new memories at this month's Friday Nite Lights, Friday, Sept. 17, from 5 to 9 p.m. in Historic Downtown Glendale.

Shoppers may visit participating stores to pick up a memory scrapbook page, which features the history and story of the individual merchant/business. At the end of the night, participants will take the pieces of the scrapbook to The Creative Quest, located at 7146 N. 57th Drive to assemble and decorate the finished book.

Visitors are encouraged to start the evening at the Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau to pick up the participating merchant map and to take a spin on the prize wheel. Prizes include a wide variety of Shop Glendale items, history books, cookbooks, historical postcards and more. Historical memorabilia such as the Glendale History Book (Our Past, Our Progress, Our People,) the Glendale Centennial commemorative postmarked envelope and the Centennial cookbook (A Taste of Glendale) will be available for sale.

The Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau is located at 5800 W. Glenn Drive, Suite 140. Admission and parking are free. Parking is available at the Paltaire Parking Structure, located at 5835 W. Paltaire Ave. For more information, [click here](#) or call 623-930-4500.

Free Living Green Workshops. Join us on September 18 at the Glendale Main Library for the following "Living Green" workshops:

- **Understanding Your Irrigation System - 12:30 to 2:15 p.m.**
- **How to Set Your Landscape Water Timer – 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.**

The Glendale Main Library is located at 5959 W. Brown St. To register for either of these free classes, call 623-930-3760. For more information on Glendale's Environmental Resources and green programs, visit www.glendaleaz.com/green.

Authors @ the Teague – Betty Webb. Local mystery author Betty Webb will discuss and sign her second Gunn Zoo mystery, "The Koala of Death," during the upcoming Authors @ the Teague event at 2 p.m. on Thursday, September 23 at Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. The program is free. Books will be available for purchase and signing. For more information, please call 623-930-3439.

Live at the Library. Live at the Library kicks off the season with Joe Bethancourt and "Old Songs for the New West" on Thursday, September 23 at 6:30 p.m. [Joe Bethancourt](#), acclaimed Arizona musician, will perform "Old Songs for the New West," traditional acoustic music of the American heartland. Although the banjo and guitar are his favorites, Bethancourt plays 65 different musical instruments including a 12-string guitar, cittern, Celtic harp, lute, guitar and Ozark mouth bow. All programs are free and are scheduled in the Main Library auditorium, 5959 W. Brown St. For more information, call 623-930-3573.

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